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N.H. Guard Armory Benefits from Recovery Act Funding

Manchester, N.H., March 25, 2009 — The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) today announced the first energy efficiency project for state buildings funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been completed. The project replaced a leaky, inefficient oil-fired boiler at the N.H. National Guard Armory on Canal Street in Manchester with a cleaner burning, highly efficient gas-fired boiler.

The New Hampshire Bureau of Public Works, a division of the Department of Administrative Services, managed the contract, working with design consultant Jacobs Engineering. After a competitive bidding process conducted last fall, the state contracted with Eckhardt and Johnson, a NH-based Mechanical Contractor, to undertake the work. The project cost approximately \$160,000.

Energy and Planning Director Joanne Morin said Recovery Act funds are making it possible to conduct projects like this throughout the state, which will help cut down on pollution and save taxpayer money.

"We are so pleased to be working together with the Bureau of Public Works, the Adjutant General's Office, and many other state agencies to deliver much needed energy efficiency improvements to the state's aging buildings. The Recovery Act is helping us save jobs, save money, reduce energy use, and lower our carbon emissions. This is a win-win for the State and for taxpayers," Morin said.

Other state projects related to heating and air conditioning, windows and insulation, as well as electronic building controls are in the process of being contracted. All told, the state will spend more than \$10 million making cost effective energy-related improvements to state buildings with stimulus funds. Details can be found on the state's website at www.nh.gov/recovery.